

GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Cream of the State Press.

Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East; Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North; Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West, and Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South.

The State Musical Festival at Charlotte has begun.

The site for the new hotel at Winston has been chosen.

The Hayesville *Headlight* says the wheat crop is a failure.

The State undertakers are holding a meeting at Wilmington.

A grape fair in Raleigh sometime in July or August is the talk now.

Within five miles of Winston it is said that there are 600 tobacco farms.

Morganton young men are agitating the formation of a military company.

The Mocksville *Times* says a mad dog was killed at Farmington a few days ago.

The turpentine still of Mr. J. T. Tomlinson, of Candor, was burned a few days ago.

Trouble is feared in Person county over the late blockade whiskey troubles.

All the necessary stock has been subscribed and Kinston is to have a knitting mill.

Seventeen candidates are in the field at Goldsboro for the position of county clerk.

Gov. Fowle has been very sick since he was at Wake Forest Commencement.

The grape growers' association of Raleigh have placed and order for 25,000 baskets.

Near Wadesboro cotton now looks better than it ever has at this season of the year.

The *Mountain Post* says that corn is better in Mitchell county than it has been for years.

An additional force of 150 convicts have been put on the Yadkin railroad in Stanly county.

One of Sanford's merchants threatens to leave business and preach. Sam Jones converted him.

Maggie Maxwell, of Cabarrus, tried to kindle a fire with kerosene oil. She was burned to death.

Monroe Miller shot and killed Noah Brisco on the Three C's Road a few days ago near Marion.

The thirteen graduates of Trinity College each pledged a hundred dollars to the endowment fund.

The knitting mill of Mr. T. W. Winston, of Selma, will be removed to Oxford in a short time.

Winston *Daily*: A students loan association is a new feature of Trinity College. The alumni are pushing it.

The receipts of cotton at Wilmington to this date show a falling off of 9,090 bales as compared with last year.

William Easley of Rocky River, Cabarrus county, had one foot badly injured in a mowing machine a few days ago.

Dallas *Eagle*: The wheat crop in this county is the shortest harvested for years. The fly and the rust did the work.

During a wind storm on Monday of last week at Pilot Mountain, two dwellings and a guano house were blown down.

Two colored base ball clubs played at Greensboro a few days ago and it wound up in a fight. Several were badly hurt.

Prof. Chas. D. McIver will deliver an address at the Press Convention in Durham on July 23d, on Female Education.

A negro child was killed by the administration of strychnine for quinine a few days ago in the eastern part of the State.

Mr. L. F. Lucas, of Wilson, sold the first crop of new tobacco at Oxford last Wednesday. It brought \$46 10 per hundred.

Mr. M. A. Allen has been elected Mayor of Reidsville, to fill an unexpired term caused by the resignation of Mr. W. P. Watt.

Hon. F. M. Simmons, of New Bern, has gone to Washington to look after that \$75,000 public building the city has been promised.

Mr. Vanderbilt has bought a number of farms adjoining his near Asheville, the total price paid for all of them amounting to \$152,000.

Dr. Gatling, the North Carolina inventor, says he will produce an ice machine that will make ice at one tenth of the present cost.

The Charlotte *News* gave very good and impartial reports of the late Music Festival. Wade Harris always does justice to an occasion.

Concord *Standard*: The products of the Hail gold mine, of which Captain Thies is superintendent, amounted to \$8,100 in the month of May.

The heaviest hail storm known in Cleveland county passed over Mooresboro section the other afternoon.—Hail stones as large as hen eggs fell damaging the growing crops severely and killing many chickens.

The *Robesonian* says that there has been considerable mortality among the horses and mules in Robeson county during the past few days.

Joseph Farmer, a young white man, living about three miles from Wilson was struck and killed by lightning, during a storm on Sunday evening.

We learn from the Concord *Standard* that the store of Winecoff & Edleman, at China Grove, was robbed of a quantity of goods a few nights since.

The annual meeting of the County Superintendents of Public Instruction will be held in Assembly Hall, Morehead City, June 23d at 3:30 p. m.

Lenoir *Topic*: The farmers have been cutting wheat right along and the general verdict about Lenoir is that the crop will be shorter than was expected.

Dr. L. S. Flow, of Cabarrus county, found a 'possum under his bed a few nights ago. Cabarrus is a great county for 'possums or anything else.

Peter Shearin, while at work at the sawmill of E. C. Walleet, near Greenville, made an awkward step and fell on the saw and had both hands cut off.

Greensboro *Patriot*: The lightning struck a telegraph wire near the d. p. t. this afternoon knocking a brakeman on the top of a box car, but not hurting him.

Jordan Pritchett was to have been hanged at Oxford a few days ago. The Governor has commuted his death sentence to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Examiners of North Carolina forty-eight gentlemen passed the examinations and were duly licensed to practice medicine in the State.

Mount Holly *News*: Mr. Demorest of the State of Maine has been here for the past ten days, and is making arrangements to start a spoke and handle factory at this place.

President Crowell announced at the Trinity College commencement that the endowment fund of the college would be \$200,000 when the buildings are completed in Durham.

Stanley *Observer*: Work is progressing right along on the Yadkin railroad. It is reported from a trustworthy source that a thousand hands will be on the road by the first of July.

Durham *Sun*: The trustees of Trinity College have elected Prof. J. S. Bassett, of our graded school, principal of the preparatory department and assistant in English and mathematics.

Mr. E. C. Worrell, of Murfreesboro, has written a communication to the *Index* of that town calling for the organization of a vigilance committee to deal with the petty thieves of the town.

Eddie Miller, a 16 year-old lad, was drowned in a pond near Statesville a few days ago. He went into the water in an overheated condition and died from congestion rather than drowning.

The Lincoln *Courier* says that that town has the best health record of any town in the State. All the other papers say the same thing about their towns, and we don't know what to do about it.

There was another terrible wreck on the Western N. C. Railroad last week. A freight train was smashed up near Melrose on the Spartanburg branch and four men were killed and three badly wounded.

Greensboro *Patriot*: Mrs. George Shaw, who was so badly burned by an explosion of kerosene while lighting a fire, some time since, died at her home near Hillsdale at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

The people at Asheville have let the authorities at Washington know they are not going to answer the questions put to them by a "stranger under pay and by order of impertinent authorities at Washington.

Carolina *Banner*: Farmers report cotton as doing very well except where the hail struck it and entire replanting again or some replanting was necessary. Several squares were reported over a week ago.

Franklin *Press*: Mr. J. P. Henry shot and killed a blue crane last Wednesday on Mr. Jule Siler's mill pond, which measured six feet from tip to tip of wings and five and half feet from tip of bill to tip of toes.

The Lynchburg and Durham Railroad is completed within 18 miles of Durham. Since its completion to Roxboro the receipts have been more than doubled. Its earnings last month amounted to more than \$10,000.

Mr. George Vanderbilt keeps adding to his land estate in Buncombe county. This time the purchase is twenty-eight acres in and around Biltmore, from Mr. S. H. Reed for, it is said, \$33,000.—*Asheville Citizen*.

Several capitalists, mostly northerners have organized at Weldon the Great Falls Water Power company. W. B. Hadlison, of Petersburg, is president, and Thos. L. Emery, of Weldon, is vice-president. The company will establish extensive manufactories there.

Salisbury *Watchman*: Another semi-annual 5 or 6 per cent. dividend on the Salisbury cotton mills is spoken of for July. Salisbury would be in luck if she had from eight to eighty more mills managed as this one is.

The Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss, the new editor of the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, is a genial man and is not at all offended if an old clerical friend slaps him on the back and remarks: "Well, old Hoss, how are you this morning?"

Rev. M. H. Tuttle, of LaGrange, has been appointed to succeed Rev. W. S. Rine as pastor of the Kinston Methodist church. Rev. G. G. Harley, of Fayetteville, a graduate of Wofford College, will succeed Mr. Tuttle at LaGrange.

A portion of Wilson county was visited by a severe hailstorm Sunday night which greatly damaged the growing crops. Our informant tells us that the hailstones were the size of a large hen egg, says the Goldsboro *Headlight*.

Skinner's saw mill was burned three weeks ago near Greenville. One night last week 10,000 feet of lumber was burned on the yard. Fire had been smoldering in the saw dust for three weeks and got into the pile of lumber.

Trustees of the estate of W. T. Blackwell, of Durham, who failed for a heavy amount a few months ago, have announced a dividend of 10 per cent. in favor of the creditors, which makes a total of 90 per cent. of all the liabilities.

The Lincoln *Courier* says that Mr. W. L. Lackey, of Lincoln county, has, in a period of six weeks, killed thirty-six crows, five hawks and two sheep killing dogs. The people of his neighborhood should give him a handsome present.

Goldsboro *Argus*: On Friday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Alex. Sprunt preached from the text: "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me, Psalm lxxvi-18. Seldom have we heard a more searching sermon on this text.

Reports are received a fatal affair between revenue officers and "moonshiners," near Snow, in which two men and one horse of the riding party were killed. It is also reported that some of the "moonshiners" suffered severely in the fight.

Tom Dixon's lecture, "Backbone," is pleasing the people all over the State. The Charlotte *Chronicle* said of it: "The lecture was grand; it was eloquent, harmonious and powerful. The speaker led his audience as if by magic from the humorous to the sublime."

Winston *Daily*: Track-laying has been completed to within eight miles of Wilkesboro on the Winston and Wilkesboro road.—The Salem Commissioners have decided to pave Main street with Belgian blocks, on each side of the street railway track, up to the Winston line.

Weldon *News*: Good reports from the crops still come in. The seasons have been satisfactory and the prospects for good harvests are bright.—all the cotton has been chopped out, and there is no grass of any consequence. Corn and other crops are also very promising.

The platform of the Wilmington Seacoast railroad at the Hammocks is being extended out over the trestle for a distance of ten car lengths. It is said that shortly no one will be admitted to the platform at either Wrightsville or the Hammocks unless they have a ticket.

Raleigh *Chronicle*: Reports of farmers and of people who travel are to the effect that crops continue to thrive and grow wondrously, and that they are exceptionally clear of grass and weeds.—The pastors of all the white churches in Raleigh, except three, are Doctors of Divinity.

Durham *Sun*: A movement is on foot, and in a few days the West End Land Company, of Durham, will be organized with all of the latest advantages connected with an enterprise of this kind. The company has three hundred acres, and most of it as good as can be found around Durham.

The chairmen of the boards of county commissioners of the various counties through which the Raleigh & Augusta Railroad runs, met in Raleigh Wednesday and decided to raise the value of the road from \$2,200 to \$3,200 on account of the fact that new steel rails have been laid down.

Marion *Free Lance*: The work on our street car line is being rapidly pushed. Houses and fences have been moved back and everything is being pushed. The Company has a force of ten or fifteen hands at work, and say they intend, if possible, to have the line completed within two months.

Asheville *Democrat*: Mr. Richmond Pearson says concerning his grand sale of property which closed last Thursday, that the entire receipts from the sale of the land was \$147,000, which is a net profit of \$102,000. This includes one private sale amounting to \$40,000. Sixty-seven thousand dollars of this is net profit on lots held only sixty-two days. More than that he has property left which is worth more now than was the entire tract at the start.

Henderson *Tomahawk*: His many friends here will be glad to hear that Claude R. Johnson, whose being shot in Texas we mentioned in last issue, passed through here yesterday, accompanied by his father, for Panama Springs. Though seriously wounded, his condition is hopeful, and he will get well.

Oxford *Daily*: Two negro prisoners confined in the city jail made preparations to break out last night, but their little game was discovered in time and frustrated.—The property of the Oxford Land, Improvement and Manufacturing Company is being surveyed, the streets defined and the lots laid out.

Mr. R. A. Williams, more familiarly known as "Peg Leg" Williams, with a lot of brother railroad passenger agents from the South, is at Morehead catching more fish than he can tote, and gathering all the shells on Shackelford beach and Cape Lookout for distribution among his friends in Arkansas and Tennessee.

A dispatch from Raleigh says the general reports as to the tobacco crops are very favorable, but in Nashville, Wilson and Halifax counties the crop is in a precarious condition. The danger is that the plant will go to seed, which, of course, destroys the crop. All tobacco is endangered, and no one seems to know a remedy.

Hickory intends to spread itself on the Fourth of July. Pof. W. W. McEwen, of Jackson, Michigan, will go up in a balloon 7,000 feet and reach the earth via the parachute route in just seventy seconds. Then there will be trotting races, running races, half fare on railroads, red lemonade and a grand pyrotechnic display at night.

Mr. Jno. Cunningham, brother of Pat Cunningham, on Saturday evening went into the perambulator the Texas Ponies are corralled and was kicked in the right side, twice, by one of the ponies. He is now laying at Mr. Hardin's boarding house, in a very critical condition. The Doctors say there is very slight chance of his recovery, says the Greensboro *Patriot*.

Troy *Vidette*: A correspondent writes that a few days ago Mrs. Mary McClenan, of Rock Springs township, gave a flock of about 100 little chicks a quart of buttermilk, and the result was that in four hours thereafter 30 of her chicks were dead. Sour feed of any character or feed with salt in it is poisonous to little chickens and should never be given them.

Wilson *Mirror*: Wilson has two sets of enumerators; one has the books and papers and are at work. The other telegraphing for instructions. The thing is mixed. Sanford Warren, John Clark and R. S. Barnes were first appointed and qualified according to the law and regulations. Frank Blount and A. D. Dawson are trying to oust them, having appointment of more recent date.

Mr. W. B. Glenn, the well known Winston lawyer, is engaged in writing a book. It is a biography of the prominent lawyers of the State, and will be published in two large volumes. In searching the old records for data for use in the book he is writing, Mr. Glenn discovered that President Andrew Jackson was sworn in as a constable for one of the townships in Guilford county.

Winston *Sentinel*: Rev. J. A. Whitman, of Wentworth, has been offered by a Baltimore firm \$10,000 for his patented tobacco wire.—Mr. A. G. Voss was here last week and told us that a disease similar to the flux has terribly scourged the people in the southeastern portion of Belew's Creek township, this county. Many of the infants have died and the adults have nearly all been sick.

Elizabeth *Falcon*: Half a dozen or more new dwellings are nearing completion.—The crop prospects of this county were never better. "A dry June never begs her bread," is a true and trite saying. Cotton is clean and thrifty; the stand is perfect, except where it has been destroyed by awkward choppers. Corn has a beautiful color, notwithstanding the dry weather. Farmers are steadily at work and are encouraged in their work.

Shelby *Aurora*: Capt. W. T. R. Bell has this week been offered the presidency of Gainesville College. Gainesville is a flourishing and beautiful town with many attractions, and this offer is a very tempting one. But a prior engagement with the Rutherfordton people forbids its acceptance, so he has declined the presidency and will, in September, be superintendent of the Rutherford Military Institute.

Concord *Standard*: For some time the people of Forest Hill have been suffering with measles, and this has continued so long that some of them are in very destitute circumstances. In many places may be found whole families in bed—not one being able to wait upon the other. The sufferers are those who sought more lucrative employment and left their old homes to work in the factory, but before the wheels of the machinery began to turn they were seized with that disease to which every man stands heir. Their sufferings became pitiful, and the people responded to their cries for help with generous contributions. Mr. Odell has given hundreds of dollars to them.

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR A WEEK.

Sparks from the Wires.

A negro was shot from ambush near Juliette, Ga., last week.

Mr. William Herring was killed by a runaway in near Unadilla, Ga., last Tuesday.

New York, June 17.—Twenty deaths from the Asiatic cholera occurred in Spain to-day.

MADRID, Jan. 18.—Thirteen deaths from cholera occurred at Pelela DeRugat, Valencia, yesterday.

Miss Mary Anderson, the famous actress, was married in London on the 16th to Mr. Antonio Navarra.

New York, June 16.—A plot to burn a tenement house was nipped in the bud by the police this morning.

The California Athletic Club has put up \$10,000 for the Sullivan and Jackson battle which is to take place soon.

Dr. Gatling, the North Carolina inventor, says he will produce an ice machine that will make ice at one-tenth of the present cost.

LOUISVILLE, June 16.—There is a report that an English syndicate is trying to buy all the tobacco warehouses of this city. The price talked of is \$2,000,000.

A party of armed men took from the officers at Taylor, Texas, on Thursday, a Mexican charged with a criminal assault, and riddled him with bullets.

BUENOS AYRES, June 18.—The finance minister Senor Garcia, will cause to be publicly buried fifteen millions of the illegally circulated one dollar notes.

Augusta, Ga., June 16.—The opening of the initiatory military encampment of the State of Georgia occurred here this morning and attracted thousands of visitors.

Robert McKelvy, a newsboy of Birmingham, Ala., died on Thursday night last from the effects of the bite of a water moccasin while he was bathing in Cedar creek.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., June 16.—John H. Sweeney, of Clyde, O., was convicted here to-day of swindling John B. Chapman, a farmer, of \$7,040 in the gold brick scheme.

A Baton Rouge, La., telegram says that the legislative committee on the proposition to submit the lottery question to the people has reported in favor of the proposition.

New York, June 17.—Paddy McBride, of Philadelphia, and Jim Lynch, of this city, met in a skin tight glove fight to a finish this morning at Oakpoint, on Long Island sound.

COLUMBIA, N. C., June 14.—James Dillon, the man who pretended to be dead in order that his wife could get the money for which his life was insured, has been arrested.

Boston, June 17.—The long threatened strike of the building laborers of Boston, Cambridge and Somerville is on this morning, and involves about 2,500 men of the three cities.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 17.—Hon. C. C. Shorter, of Eufala, Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, died yesterday. He was a young man of brilliant attainments.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 16.—The preliminary examination of the men who are accused of robbing the train on the Cottonbelt road last Tuesday, is set for tomorrow morning at Texarkana.

ANGORA, Pa., June 16.—Isaac Sampson, colored, slashed his wife about the face with a razor to-day, inflicting serious wounds. He had to be floored with a brick before he was taken in custody.

UTICA, N. Y., June 16.—Joseph Devoe's Hotel and Stillman Noble's residence at Turin Lewis county, burned this morning. Loss on hotel nearly \$10,000; insured \$5,500. Loss on house, \$600; insured.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16.—A freight train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad struck two boys, near Gray's Ferry, this afternoon, killing Joseph Johnson, aged fourteen, and fatally injuring Geo. Smith, aged eleven.

New York, June 17.—*Tribune's* special from Reading, Colorado, says that one of the peaks of Mount Shasta has disappeared. The top appears to have been cut short off and to have fallen into the crater below.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 16.—C. W. Collins, the 18 year-old son of Rev. Jas. Collins, a Baptist minister at Pearsall, Texas, was shot and killed in this city yesterday morning by James Stevens, a negro policeman.

St. Louis, June 18.—Mary E. Woodworth, the San Francisco prophetess, who predicted the destruction of the Golden Gate City, was mobbed in a tent in Gamble. She has been preaching in a tent since her advent six weeks ago. She has been predicting all sorts of disasters and last night a mob of hoodlums tore down her tent, broke up the seats and dispersed the congregation.

SEDALIA, Mo. June 17.—Gov. Frances has called out the militia to prevent the lynching of W. E. Burlington, who killed Sheriff Cramer, of Cowper county, at Booneville Saturday night while attempting to escape from jail.

A bloody fight occurred at Brunswick, Ga., last week. A policeman attempted to arrest a negro and other negroes interfered. The officer stood his ground until help arrived. Nine negroes were arrested and put in jail.

Boston, June 16.—The New England Piano Company, which employs 600 hands, has notified its employees that after June 16th nine hours will constitute a day's work and the pay will be the same as for the ten-hour day.

J. L. Horbin, who lived near Greenville, S. C., committed suicide by taking a large dose of rough on rats a few days ago. He was a confirmed drunkard and had been drinking heavily for two or three days before his death.

New York, June 16.—It was cabled from Spain this morning that the Asiatic cholera is spreading very rapidly over that country, and that the scourge is of the most malignant type. Ninety-one deaths occurred to-day up to noon.

New York, June 16.—The strike of cloakmakers, tailors, finishers, cutters, pressers and operators is on. Nearly 10,000 men and women went on a strike this morning and the cloak manufacturing trade is practically at a standstill.

BURLINGTON, Ia., June 16.—A terrific thunder and rain storm struck this city last evening. Several buildings were struck by lightning, one burned to the ground. Reports of vast damage to growing crops are coming in on all sides.

A Greenville, Miss., special says: The first cotton bloom was received here Thursday from George C. Bronson's Lake Washington place. This is the earliest bloom received in the last twenty years. Crops throughout the country are doing splendidly.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 17.—A balloon has been seen drifting about in this vicinity since Saturday. Memoranda which fell from it and was picked up, state that it is Prof. Walker's balloon from Dayton, O. The occupants had lost their ballast and were adrift, suffering from cold.

CINCINNATI, O., June 17.—Meredith Stanly, the world's champion bridge jumper, made a successful dive from the suspension bridge at 1 p. m. to-day, a distance of 100 feet. He struck the water head first, and after coming to the surface he climbed into the boat waiting for him and helped row it ashore.

St. Ignace, Mich., June 17.—John Belmore returned home unusually early on Sunday night and found Argus McLeod in the arms of his wife. He compelled the woman to hold McLeod while he carved his victim's legs. McLeod received twelve shocking cuts, none of which are likely to prove fatal. Belmore then fled.

NORFOLK, Va., June 17.—Between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning the steam pipe of the tug Lightning, belonging to the Atlantic Dredging Company, now at work at Newport News, and while at work near the dry dock, exploded with terrific violence. Capt. Darby and the fireman, name unknown, were almost instantly killed, and the engineer, whose name could not be learned, was scalded so severely that there is no prospect of his recovery.

New York, June 18.—A special to the *World* from Birmingham, Ala., says that a pitched battle between negroes and white men was fought yesterday morning at Brooksville, a mining town. Tom Redmond, of the negroes, was killed, and Jim Dowell badly wounded. Tom Acres, white, received a slight flesh wound and was the only white man hurt. Several negroes were caught by the whites, who threatened to lynch them last night. Both sides are well armed and more bloodshed is expected.

The Second Baptist Church at Knoxville, Tenn., gave a picnic near that city last Friday. Among the refreshments served during the day was a large quantity of ice cream. All who partook of the ice cream were suddenly taken seriously sick. Physicians were called and rendered all medical aid. Sixteen children and ladies are still in a very critical condition, and some of them will die. The men who made the cream, which had been standing in the freezers for two days, have been threatened with violence and law suits.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 18.—The railroad disaster a day or two ago on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, near Ashland, in which a number of persons were killed, was the means of saving the life of Azero Polly. He was about to be tried on a charge of having brutally assaulted Miss Julia Hester, the penalty for which crime in this State is death. The only witnesses were the girl herself, her sister and her mother. All three were killed in the disaster, and the case against Azero has been dismissed for want of testimony against him.